

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary in the days immediately before the election is a clear example of the dangers to democracy of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves FREE OF CHARGE, and is obligated BY LAW to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter instead of something produced at "News Central" far away.

Sinclair's actions should show you why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show us why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.